

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS
MUSEUM COMMITTEE MEETING

Approved

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Chairperson Betty Ann Fort called the meeting to order at 7:50 pm

PRESENT: Betty Ann Fort, Jim Horvath, Joyce Lykes, Nancy O'Malley, Rich Grohoski

ALSO PRESENT: Museum Administrator A. Hollander

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Museum Committee reviewed the meeting minutes from August 4, 2005. Jim Horvath made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as amended. Nancy O'Malley seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: Noted

Administrator will propose a topic for a paper for the next regional ALHFAM meeting.
Administrator will create a Sept./Oct. calendar for next meeting
Administrator will contact Ehrlich re: bees

OLD BUSINESS:

Hall House—Administrator has contacted Stowaway Storage. We will need two 10 x 10 climate controlled storage spaces which will cost \$140 each or \$280 a month for both. If we purchase 3 months we will get the fourth month for free. There is a one month security deposit required as well. We will approach Voeller's who own the facility to see if they would provide the museum any further discounts. Administrator will talk to Kevin regarding moving the collection and if the Township has an appropriate vehicle for this purpose. Jim Horvath will contact Mike Hanrahan and ask him to work with the Historic Trust regarding the need for an Archaeologist study before construction. Administrator will contact Alan Cooper regarding past work at site. Museum Committee will meet to move plants from around building to garden before construction begins. Administrator will contact volunteers about helping with collection move.

Jim Horvath made a motion to rent 200 square feet of climate controlled storage space for three months from Stowaway once a date for construction at the Hall House has been set, for the above agreed upon price or less should the company offer us a further discount. Rich Grohoski seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Guest House—Kevin has approached Ted Sedelmaier to do the first phase of the Guest House Construction. Jim Horvath, Betty Ann Fort, and the Administrator will meet with Kevin and Ted next week to discuss the project.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Event/ Program Evaluation Form—Betty Ann Fort has created a form so the Museum Committee can better evaluate the Museum's programs. Committee reviewed form and made changes. Forms will be kept in a notebook for review at meetings.

Lectures—A recommendation was made to tape all future lectures.

Newsletter—Jim Horvath and Betty Ann Fort will serve on the editing committee for all future Newsletters. Administrator will submit text for editing 4 days before text deadlines. Ideas for the next newsletter include: the lighting exhibit at municipal building, Hall House renovations, Dorothy Stickney research, name that tool.

Increased Gas prices—The Museum Committee will contact Vita Mekovetz, Township Administrator, and request that the Administrator work Mondays from home to reduce the financial burden of the commute until gas prices are reduced.

Website—Administrator will send all committee members copies of the web site changes for editing and approval. Joyce Lykes recommended that a printable camp and volunteer application be included on the site as well as a way to be added to our mailing list.

Rentals—Joe Serrani will have his wedding on the 24 of September. Rich Grohoski, Betty Ann Fort and Joyce Lykes are all available to open or close for this event.

Committee Vacancies—Jim Horvath spoke with Al Rebovich and the Smiths regarding the Museum Committee vacancies and all were too busy.

Barn Dance—Caller is reserved

Municipal exhibit—edited and approved with changes

Historic Preservation Commission—Donation of \$30,000 still pending.

Nancy O'Malley made a motion to adjourn at 9:45. Joyce Lykes seconded the motion. All were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Hollander, Museum Administrator